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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments:

In Cross-Reference to Related Patent Application:

Please add -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/170,655 filed on December 14, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. -- before the sentence "This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/198,339, filed on April 18, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference."

REMARKS

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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